

Sculptures assemled from painted wooden cubes at Center of Contemporary Art < rotor >, Graz. Photo credits: Thomas Raggam

Fragile Presence / Action Space

Installation and intervention. Painted wooden objects and banners, various sizes, 2016-2018. First phase: June 14 - August 4 2018 / Second phase: September 23 - November 24 2018 Commissioned by < rotor > Center for Contemporary Art, Graz

"There is much in motion in society and, above all, there is a need for a counter-movement to rampant nationalist and racist attitudes. Solidarity and social cohesion are the order of the day - to counter individuality and inhumanity imposed by the economic system and politics.

Rena Rädle and Vladan Jeremic have built three sculptures for this room already in June this year, each composed of several objects. With a few simple steps the objects can be broken down into their individual elements. Then several cubes and cuboids are suddenly distributed around the room and can be arranged as furniture. Based on a long-term examination of the sealing-off of Europe and the effects on those seeking protection in Europe, the space of the current exhibition has been extended with a series of banners. It is about breaking through the border walls and fences, about escape and rescue, in the face of defense and surveillance. But above all, the whole room is about providing help and empowerment.

This room is now available for groups to hold meetings, workshops, lessons, preparations for manifestations, etc. At the end of the activities, the original sculptures are reassembled."

Work description by Margarethe Makovec and Anton Lederer



Disassembled sculptures with cubes used as furniture during a discussion. Photo credits: <rotor>



Workshop of the printing collective Risograd in the Action Space. Photo credits: <rotor>



Preparations for the protest action against criminalization of solidarity with refugees. Photo credits: Vladan Jeremić



Protest action with banners, slogans and a speech against criminalization of solidarity with refugees. September 24 2018 at Graz Main Station. Photo credits: Rena Rädle



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